

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paikoff on 1 December 2010.
3. The application has been amended as follows:
4. Please cancel Claims 18-26 and 33-37.
5. In Claim 30, line 1, please replace the phrase "claim 9" with the phrase --claim 1--. In Claim 30, line 1, please insert the word --modified-- in front of the word "fluoroalkylsilane".

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
7. Applicant's amendments and arguments are satisfactory for overcoming the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action mailed on 31 March 2010. The section 103 rejection over Jung et al. is withdrawn because the claimed steps of applying the claimed mixture by sol-gel method and converting to polysiloxane coating is not taught or suggested.
8. More generally, the reviewed prior art does not teach or suggest the subject matter of Claims 1-3, 5, 10-17, 27, 28, 30, and 32. Particularly,

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the reviewed prior art does not teach or suggest a method of applying organosilane mixture of the claimed composition to metal surface by sol-gel method and then converting to polysiloxane coating in the claimed context of a method of coating sanitary articles.

9. Claims 1-3, 5, 10-17, 27, 28, 30, and 32 are allowable.
10. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

CONCLUSION

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL LA VILLA whose telephone number is (571)272-1539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.
12. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jennifer McNeil, can be reached on (571) 272-1540. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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